network of BSNL is being continuously optimized for its performance and monitoring of the network has been strengthened by BSNL to ensure performance as per the Qos parameters prescribed by TRAI.

Exemption of postal services from Screening Committee

1051. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for exempting postal services form the purview of the Screening Committee to clear recruitment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No such proposal is at present under consideration with the Competent Authority in the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of Guntakal Postal Division in Andhra Pradesh

1052. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Guntakal postal division are deprived of the benefit of having age old Postal Division at Guntakal in Ananthapur Division as the age old postal division was closed unilaterally;

(b) whether there is any plan for such closure/merger/clubbing of post offices/postal divisions/RMS divisions in Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) It is fact that the Guntakal Postal Division has been merged with Ananthapur